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Subject: Endorsement for the Biodiversity Enabling Activities project “National Biodiversity Planning to Support the implementation of the CBD 2011-2020 Strategic Plan in Belize”

In my capacity as GEF Operational Focal Point for Belize, I confirm that the above project proposal (a) is in accordance with my government’s national priorities, including the implementation of Belize’s NBSAP and our commitment to the relevant global environmental conventions, with focus on the CBD and its Strategic Plan (2011-2020); and (b) was discussed with relevant stakeholders, including the global environmental convention focal points.

I am pleased to endorse the preparation of the above project proposal with the support of UNDP as specified below. If approved, the project will be prepared and implemented by The Forest Department, Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries and Sustainable Development, with support from relevant partner institutions and organizations. I request the UNDP to provide a copy of the project proposal for information before it is submitted to the GEF Secretariat for CEO approval, and of the UNDP project document (PRODOC) before signature.

The total financing from the GEF Trust Fund being requested for this project is US\$ **242,000**, inclusive of Agency fees for project cycle management services associated with the total GEF grant. The financing requested for Belize is detailed in the table below.

Source of Funds	GEF Agency	Focal Area	Amount (in US\$)		
			Project	Fee	Total
GEF Trust Fund	UNDP	Biodiversity Focal Area Set Aside	\$220,000	\$22,000	\$242,000
Total GEF Resources			\$220,000	\$22,000	\$242,000

I consent to the utilization of the Focal Area Set Aside funding for Belize to implement this activity.

Sincerely,



Martin Alegria

Chief Environmental Officer and
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cc. Convention Focal Point for UNCBD - Belize
Roberto Valent, UNDP Resident Representative
Santiago Carrizosa, Regional Technical Advisor for Biodiversity covering Belize
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